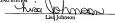
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Inventor(s): Ann M. Stawski et al. Examiner: Lena Najarian Appln. No.: 10/789,788 Group Art Unit: 3626 Filing Date: February 27, 2004 Confirmation No.: 9440 Title: SYSTEMS AND METHODS Customer No.: 42074 FOR AUTHORIZING AND Docket No.: 301131 PROCESSING REIMBURSEMENTS FOR SERVICES PROVIDED IN THE COLLECTION OF IMPLANTABLE MEDICAL DEVICE DATA

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims beginning on page 2; and

Remarks beginning on page 8.

No fee is believed to be necessary. Should any fee be required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the Deposit Account No. 06-0029 and is requested to notify us of the same.